

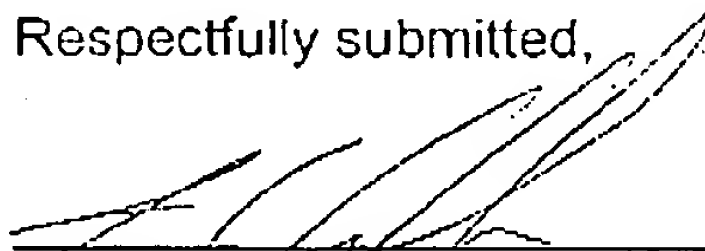
REMARKS

This is intended as a full and complete response to the Final Office Action dated October 27, 2003, having a shortened statutory period for response set to expire on January 27, 2004. Please reconsider the claims pending in the application for reasons discussed below.

Claims 1-6, 8-22 and 24-51 are pending in the application. Claims 11-22, 24-38, 46, 47, 50 and 51 remain pending following entry of this response. Claims 11-22, 24-38, 46, 47, 50 and 51 are allowed. Claims 1-6, 8-10, 39-45, 48 and 49 have been cancelled without prejudice.

Having addressed all issues set out in the Final Office Action, Applicant respectfully submits that the claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully request that the claims be allowed.

Respectfully submitted,



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